

General Rules and Regulations

Rules and regulations are in effect for all user groups:

- Due to health and safety concerns swimming, wading, bathing and diving, etc., are prohibited (except as incidental to Water Contact activities).
- The only types of inflatable devices allowed on water contact reservoirs are those designed to be towed behind a vessel and must be in the act of being towed.
- Reservoir is open for fishing and general boating Thursday through Monday.
- Operating hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. All boats must be off the water by sunset or when advised by the Lake Staff.
- Every person entering lake property must purchase a permit.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash and at least 50 feet from the water at all times; **DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON ANY VESSEL.**
- **GLASS CONTAINERS ARE PROHIBITED.**
- Due to the severity of a potential fire, only gas barbecues are permitted on shoreline. Charcoal barbecues are permitted in the marina picnic area only.
- Please do not litter! Use trash receptacles or trash bags. Secure trash in your boat before proceeding. See City Staff for trash bags.
- Report concerns, emergencies or questions to City staff.
- **Important:** This is a drinking water supply reservoir. Do not contaminate it. Use toilets and avoid any spills.
- Use precaution in shoreline areas, rattlesnakes and poison oak are part of the natural environment.
- Park vehicles within marked stalls, do not obstruct the flow of traffic.
- Refueling your vessel must be done either out of the water or at the dock. A reminder, this reservoir is used for drinking water - positively no spills of any kind.
- Please keep valuables locked up. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- All State and local noise requirements must be observed. No audible music prior to 8:00 AM. No profane or inappropriate music at any time.



Boats and Boating

All vessels must possess required Coast Guard approved safety equipment applicable to each vessel's size and type.

- Open for general boating Thursday through Monday.
- No person under 16 years of age may operate a motorboat of more than 15 HP, unless supervised on board by a person at least 18 years of age.
- All boats must have one type I, II, III, or V (wearable) personal flotation device (PFD) for each person on board and one type IV (throwable) in each boat. **NOTE:** All PFD's must be easily and readily accessible and in good working condition.
- All vessels must carry a fully charged type B-1 or equivalent fire extinguisher that is readily accessible.
- All motorboats or motor vessels except open boats, using gasoline as fuel shall have at least two ventilator ducts fitted with cowls or their equivalent.
- Vessels equipped with gasoline engines, except outboards must have a Coast Guard approved backfire flame control device that has a flame tight connection.
- Fuel leaks or spills of any kind are strictly prohibited and are grounds for termination. **Remember**, this is a **drinking water** reservoir.
- All boats must be properly muffled at all times to meet State and local noise requirements. No unmuffled or "dry stack" exhaust systems.
- Boats are prohibited from having on-board toilets/sinks.
- Maximum speed limit is 35 mph and is restricted to the skiing area.
- Maximum speed limit 100 feet of shoreline is 5 mph.
- Passing a tow line over another boat or skier or towing a skier within 100 feet of another boat, skier or downed skier is prohibited.
- If a boat operator is faced with a potentially unsafe situation (overcrowded turn with fallen skiers) shut down operation of vessel. The vessel on the right or the vessel you overtake has the right-of-way.
- Absolutely no bow, gunwale or transom riding. All passengers must sit securely in the boat.
- Direction of all vessels (except to pick-up fallen skiers) is counterclockwise. Vessels must follow set patterns to assure smooth water and safe boating. **Boat traffic is permitted to go both directions 100 feet of shoreline in the 5 mph areas when lake levels permit.**
- California boating law, local rules and common boating courtesy must be observed at all times.
- Operating a vessel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is strictly prohibited. Violators will be punished to the full extent of the law.
- It is recommended boat occupants wear a PFD. Children 12 years or less must wear a PFD when vessel is underway.
- Speeding, racing or reckless operation is strictly prohibited.
- During adverse weather (wind, lightning, etc.) proceed to nearest shoreline or, if safe, the public dock.
- Anchoring of any type of watercraft on the Restricted Area Buoy line is prohibited.
- Controlled use zones for special use permit holders MUST follow all controlled/special use zone rules.



Water Contact Activities

Open for Water Contact activities on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (May through October) and on Sunday only (November through April).

- Skis, wakeboards, and similar devices are permitted. Coast Guard Approved Inflatable and towed devices may be towed in any ski zone. Use of a quick release device is recommended.
- Minimum size personal watercraft for towing any device is three-person and is permitted in ski zone only.
- All vessels towing anyone must have an observer 12 years of age or older.
- Coast Guard approved PFD's must be worn by all skiers.
- **A RED SIGNAL FLAG** must be displayed when a person has fallen in the water or ski rope is in the water.
- Starts and drop-offs must be done in deep water, no shore starts or drops.
- Skiing in or around marker buoys or within 100 feet of other vessels, skiers or hazards is strictly prohibited.
- When one skier falls during a double tow the other skier must immediately let go of the tow rope and both skiers should stay together at all times.
- For information on permits and course rules, contact one of the City Staff personnel.



Fishing

- Watch for downed skiers. A red flag being displayed means a skier is in the water.
- Minimum speed limit on the course will be 20 mph. If your craft cannot maintain 20 mph you are required to travel in the 5 mph zone around the perimeter of the reservoir.
- Minimum size limit for bass is 12".
- No fishing is permitted within 100 feet of the boat dock or the courtesy dock.
- While on the ski course (refer to map) all boats must use proper course direction.

There are no fish cleaning stations provided within the City of San Diego's Reservoir and Recreation Program.



Personal Watercraft

Since personal watercrafts are classified as Class A inboard vessels, therefore, operators must follow the same rules of operation which govern all boats in any waterway. In addition, all local rules and regulations must be observed at all times.

- Reservoir is open for three-person personal watercraft (PWC) only on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May through October) and Sundays only (November through April).
- PWC which carry three passengers may tow in the ski zones.
- No freestyle or turns greater than 30 degrees. All PWC's must follow straight counter clockwise direction in tow zones I and II.
- All three-person PWC must have the following Coast Guard approved safety equipment in good working condition: All operators and passengers must wear a type I, II or III personal flotation device when operating on the lake. All operators must carry a fully charged type B-1 or equivalent fire extinguisher that is readily accessible.
- All PWC must be properly muffled at all times to meet State and local noise requirements.
- Maximum speed limit is 35. Maximum speed limit within 100 feet of shoreline, buoys, docks or other vessels is 5 mph.
- General direction of all vessels is counterclockwise.
- All operators should be cautious when turning or overtaking another vessel. Looking over a shoulder before turning and taking appropriate precautions while overtaking is strongly recommended.
- All overtaking vessels must yield right-of-way to the vessel being passed.
- Required age for operating a PWC solo is 16 or older.
- All PWC are required to clearly display permanently affixed approved registration numbers on vessel and carry their certificate of number on board.
- California boating law, local rules and common boating courtesy must be observed at all times.
- Operators of PWC's equipped with a lanyard switch must attach the lanyard to his or her person.
- The PWC program was designed to promote safe aquatic activities. Speeding, racing, or reckless operation is strictly prohibited.

It is your responsibility to learn and observe all rules and regulations pertaining to recreational activities at this reservoir. Violators are subject to citation, eviction from premises (without refund) and restrictions from future use of the reservoir.

- Open water 35 mph maximum speed
- 5 MPH within 100' of shoreline
- Controlled use zone special permit required on water contact days
- No wake zone
- Restricted area no public access
- Slow tow zone 10 mph max speed
- Orange turn buoy counter clock wise
- Counter clock wise travel direction

